WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An object display device comprising:

a converter means for converting a representative character string of source data containing character strings into image data defined as an object;

a storage means for storing the source data and the image in a manner of relating these pieces of data to each other; and

a display means for displaying the image data on display means.

2. An object display device according to claim 1, further comprising the display means for displaying the source data linked to when the image data displayed is designated.

3. An object display device according to claim 1, wherein the image data is structured such that the character string is converted into a bitmap and thus laid out on an background image.

4. An object display device according to claim 3, wherein the image data has a window, provided along a periphery of the background image, for showing an attribute of the source data to which the image data is linked.

5. An object display device according to claim 4, wherein said display means displays the image data together with the window, of which a frame size differs corresponding to a capacity of the source data to which the image data is linked.

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6. An object display device according to claim 4, further comprising template images of plural types of windows, of which frame sizes are different,

5   wherein said template corresponding to a capacity of the source data is used.

7. An object display device according to claim 4, wherein said display means displays the image data together with the

10   window of which a frame configuration differs corresponding to the number of hours or days since the time when the source data to which the image data is linked was acquired.

8. An object display device according to claim 4, further

15   comprising template images of plural types of windows, of which frame configurations are different,
        wherein said template corresponding to the number of hours or days since the time when the source data was acquired.

20   9. An object display device according to claim 1, further comprising the display means for displaying in movement plural pieces of image data corresponding to respective pieces of source data in predetermined areas.

25   10. An object display device according to claim 9, further comprising:
        a selector means for selecting a desired piece of image

data from the image data displayed in movement; and

the display means for displaying the selected image data in an area excluding the display area.

5   11. An object display device according to claim 10, wherein the source data linked to is displayed on said display means when the image data displayed is designated.

12. An object display method comprising:

10   a step of converting a representative character string of source data containing character strings into image data defined as an object;

a step of storing the source data and the image in a manner of relating these pieces of data to each other; and

15   a step of displaying the image data on display means.

13. An object display method according to claim 12, further comprising a step of displaying on said display means the source data linked to when the image data displayed is

20   designated by designating means on the screen.

14. An object display method according to claim 13, further comprising a step of making said display means display the image data together with the window, of which a frame size

25   differs corresponding to a capacity of the source data to which the image data is linked.

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15. An object display method according to claim 13, further comprising a step of making said display means display the image data together with the window of which a frame configuration differs corresponding to the number of hours or

5   days since the time when the source data to which the image data is linked was acquired.

16. An object display method according to claim 12, further comprising a step of displaying in movement plural

10   pieces of image data corresponding to respective pieces of source data in predetermined areas.

17. An object display method according to claim 12, further comprising:

15   a step of selecting a desired piece of image data from the image data displayed in movement; and

a step of displaying the selected image data in an area excluding the display area.

20   18. An object display method according to claim 17, further comprising a step of displaying the source data linked to on said display means when the image data displayed is designated.

25   19. A readable-by-computer recording medium stored with a program, for execution, comprising:

a step of converting a representative character string

of source data containing character strings into image data
defined as an object;

a step of storing the source data and the image in a manner
of relating these pieces of data to each other; and

5   a step of displaying the image data on display means.

20. A readable-by-computer recording medium stored with
a program according to claim 19, further comprising a step of
displaying on said display means the source data linked to when

10   the image data displayed is designated by designating means on
the screen.

21. An object display device according to claim 1, further
comprising a set means for setting an effective period as

15   attribute information with respect to the source data,
wherein said converter means for conversion into the
image data does not convert the source data with an elapse over
the effective period into the image data.

20   22. An object display device according to claim 2, wherein
the previous image data is not displayed when the source data
is displayed on said display means upon the designation of the
image data.

25   23. An object display device comprising:
a display means for displaying plural pieces of
information in a manner of sequentially changing a display

content;

a detect means for detecting a predetermined user's operation for the information displayed; and

a record means for recording the information operated in

5   accordance with the detection of the users' operation.

24. An object display device according to claim 23, wherein the plural pieces of information are displayed in movement in predetermined display areas.

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25. An object display device according to claim 23, wherein the information is displayed in a predetermined display format on said display means as the record of the information.

15   26. An object display device according to claim 23, wherein the operation is a drag-and-drop operation aiming at a desired piece of information.

27. An object display device according to claim 23,

20   further comprising:

the detect means for detecting a selection indicating operation with respect to the information recorded; and

the display means for displaying linked information corresponding to the information subjected to the selection

25   indication operation.

28. An object display device according to claim 27,

wherein the linked information is source data, and

said object display device further comprises means for
creating the information displayed by an extraction from the
source data.

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29. An object display device according to claim 28,
wherein the source data belongs to a remote terminal connected
via a network.

10   30. An object display method comprising:
a step of displaying plural pieces of information in a
manner of sequentially changing a display content;
a step of detecting a predetermined user's operation for
the information displayed; and
15   a step of recording the information operated in
accordance with the detection of the users' operation.

31. An object display method according to claim 30,
wherein said step of displaying the plural pieces of information
20   includes a step of displaying the information in movement in
predetermined display areas.

32. An object display method according to claim 30,
wherein said step of recording the information includes a step
25   of displaying the information in a predetermined display format
on said display means.

33. An object display method according to claim 30, wherein the operation is a drag-and-drop operation aiming at a desired piece of information.

5   34. An object display method according to claim 30, further comprising:

a step of detecting a selection indicating operation with respect to the information recorded; and

a step of displaying linked information corresponding to

10   the information subjected to the selection indication operation.

35. An object display method according to claim 34, wherein the linked information is source data, and

15   said object display method further comprises a step of creating the information displayed by an extraction from the source data.

36. An object display method according to claim 35,

20   wherein the source data belongs to a remote terminal connected via a network.

37. A readable-by-computer recording medium recorded with a program, to be executed by a computer, comprising:

25   a step of displaying plural pieces of information in a manner of sequentially changing a display content;

a step of detecting a predetermined user's operation for

the information displayed; and

a step of recording the information operated in accordance with the detection of the users' operation.

5   38. A readable-by-computer recording medium recorded with a program according to claim 37, wherein said step of displaying the plural pieces of information includes a step of displaying the information in movement in predetermined display areas.

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39. A readable-by-computer recording medium recorded with a program according to claim 37, wherein said step of recording the information includes a step of displaying the information in a predetermined display format on said display

15   means.

40. A readable-by-computer recording medium recorded with a program according to claim 37, wherein the operation is a drag-and-drop operation aiming at a desired piece of

20   information.

41. A readable-by-computer recording medium recorded with a program according to claim 37, further comprising:

a step of detecting a selection indicating operation with

25   respect to the information recorded; and

a step of displaying linked information corresponding to the information subjected to the selection indication

operation.

42. A readable-by-computer recording medium recorded
with a program according to claim 41, wherein the linked
5   information is source data, and
said program further comprises a step of creating the
information displayed by an extraction from the source data.

43. A readable-by-computer recording medium recorded
10   with a program according to claim 42, wherein the source data
belongs to a remote terminal connected via a network.